

Category 1 Standard

S1641 Concessions to Standards



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1 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this Standard is to set out the requirements and procedure for obtaining Concessions to LU standards. Concessions are a planned or known non-compliance to LU standards.

2 Scope

- 2.1 This Standard applies to anyone who needs to apply for a Concession against a Category 1, Category 2 or Category 5 Standard for LU or only against a Category 1 Standard for Tubelines.

3 Requirements

3.1 General Requirements

- 3.1.1 Compliance with this Standard meets the requirements of Category 1 Standard S1538, 'Assurance' for parties who are requesting a concession to a LU Standards.
- 3.1.2 LU shall ensure that the merits of any Concession request, its interaction with other LU standards and previously authorised Concessions are identified and properly and objectively assessed.
- 3.1.3 If the Concession is ALARP and appropriate in social benefit terms then, subject to paragraph 3.1.5, LU shall grant the Concession.

Note: the strict application of the social benefit criteria is not usually required.

- 3.1.4 Appropriate in social benefit terms means that the result of granting a Concession will either:
- (a) be financially positive (involving neither additional net cost nor loss of social benefit); or
 - (b) have a benefit cost ratio of 1.4:1 or better,
- determined (in either case) by reference to the Business Case Development Manual.
- 3.1.5 LU is not obliged to grant a Concession if it would have an adverse impact on LU's corporate identity.

3.2 Safety Validation of Concessions

- 3.2.1 Concessions may be granted subject to conditions and on a temporary or permanent basis.
- 3.2.2 The Requestor and a competent safety person shall review the safety implications of the Concession and record the assessment on the Concession request.
- 3.2.3 Where the assessment indicates that there are no safety implications this shall be recorded and justified.

3.3 Conditions Associated with Concessions

- 3.3.1 If Concessions are granted with conditions then these conditions shall be complied with.